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EDITORIAL

Summer is here - hope we get some summer weather!. Have you found the roadworks in this area a real trial?

All the local villages have been affected! it does not help that a lot of the signs have been moved/changed/ thrown in ditches etc and are out of date!

A lot of summer events planned so look at Your Meridian to find out more, no need to drive to get to them -all in the village!

Parking is a problem, our local roads are just lanes not designed to take heavy traffic not for all day /overnight parking - yellow lines are there for a reason!

Editor

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Major Events List

This list is intended to avoid major events clashing on the same day. It will only work if we are advised of all such events, so please let us know as soon as you can confirm the details.

A form is available at the back of this magazine. We will list them in this section of the Magazine and also on our website at:- www.swaveseymeridian.org.uk

Sunday 15 June	Swavesey Spartans	Spartans Day 09:30 to 15:30 at the Village Green
Saturday 5 July	St Andrews	Teddy Bear Zip Wire Challenge:
Friday 11 July	The Pantaloons	Sense and Sensibility - 7pm Market Street Green

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June		
Friday 6	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Thursday 12	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 13	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Sunday 15	Swavesey Spartans	Spartans Day 09:30 to 15:30 at the Village Green
Friday 20	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Monday 23	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting
Friday 27	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
July		
Friday 4	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Saturday 5	St Andrews	Teddy Bear Zip Wire Challenge:
Thursday 10	Parish Council	Planning Meeting
Friday 11	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Friday 11	The Pantaloons	Sense and Sensibility - 7pm Market Street Green
Friday 18	Refuse Collection	Green & Blue Bins
Friday 25	Refuse Collection	Black Bin Collection
Monday 28	Parish Council	Full Council Meeting

CLUB REPORTS

Swavesey WI News

Meetings coming up……..	
June 9th	Members Open Gardens Event..
July 14th	A Year in the garden at Horseshoe Farm. Talk by Neil and Claire Callan.

Our speaker for our March meeting was Caroline Shenton, whose talk was “Art and the Suffragettes”. Caroline is a writer and historian. She is the former Director of Parliamentary Archives in London and was also a senior archivist at the National Archives. She gave us an excellent presentation of art showing and explaining how the Suffragette Movement was depicted at the time.

In April we welcomed Susan Widlake from “Millhouse Millinery” who gave us a very entertaining talk and presentation of what her work as a milliner entails. She brought along a selection of hats and explained what inspires her designs. Susan was a delightful and amusing speaker who provided a fun evening for us all.

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With print deadlines requiring the usual early submission, at the time of writing spring has well and truly sprung. It's this time of year when all our teams are eagerly waiting for the end of the season. Some teams may be excited at the prospect of ending the season on a high. Others may have had a stinker and the season can't end soon enough!!! But of course, it's the highs and lows of the beautiful game that keep us all involved with the club and our individual teams. (Whisper it quietly. We all prefer the highs and put a brave face on the lows!)

Within a week or two of this fine magazine dropping through your door we will be hosting our annual celebration of all things Spartans on the village green. As always, the event is held on Father's Day, so if you fancy a leg stretch on the day, please drop by the green and you will see all the teams from U7's to U16s represented. The day provides the opportunity to present every single player with their individual participation trophy as well as the much anticipated big reveal of the coaches' player of the season, players player of the season and the coaches most improved player of the season. U16 players also receive a tankard if they have played for the club for 10 years. These are always very coveted by the recipients and very worthy reward for such long service to the club.

So, as well as looking back, of course we look forward to next season. To ensure the Spartans bloodline keeps going, we're very keen to see an influx of U6s join the club over the summer. Our offer goes out again to all parents of that age group to come along to Spartans day during the morning from 10am for the free taster sessions our qualified coaches will be delivering.

Although it shouldn't need saying, Swavesey Spartans is as committed to providing a safe and welcoming environment for girls to experience the beautiful game as it is for boys. In fact, our only focus is on players. At our younger age groups, many teams are mixed, but if sufficient numbers allow we'd love to see the formation of more girls only teams to join the ranks of our existing girls and women's teams.

At the other end of the age scale, our Ladies team are always looking for new players to join our very welcoming team.

In the next thrilling update we will be able to bring you details of the new "Future Fit" FA initiative for U6 players. All the changes are solely focussed on enhanced playing time for our youngest players. This tasty morsel is only to wet your appetite for a fuller explanation in the next edition.

For all club information and individual team contacts, please visit our website at www.swaveseyspartans.co.uk

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March meeting. At least 40 people (members plus new visitors) attended to hear Ian Langworthy from St Ives talk on “Mud, blood and bandages”, a serious but sometimes gory description of 1st World War medical issues. Movement of wounded soldiers from the front, including the use of nurses and doctors on site was already in place before WW1. After giving first aid in the trench the task was to move the injured man by stretcher with regimental band members and conscientious objectors as stretcher bearers. He would be moved, often under fire, about a mile back to the dressing station where he was made comfortable and his condition was assessed. All too often in the early days it was already fairly apparent that he would not live but all wounded men were then transported by ambulance, initially horse-drawn but subsequently based on the Model T Ford, to the casualty clearing station twelve miles back from the front. After receiving expert medical attention those still surviving would be moved to the base hospital on the coast then taken back to England.

In April 1915 the Germans started using chlorine gas at Ypres. The PH helmet was a fabric hood impregnated with chemicals designed to protect soldiers against chlorine gas. This was succeeded by the Small Box Respirator, which offered better protection against phosgene gas. In due course blood transfusion saved many lives at casualty clearing stations and by 1917 there was a blood bank at the front. Advances continued to be made with mobile Xray machines used to find bullets and shrapnel in a soldier’s body. Back in the UK pioneering surgeons developed facial surgery and survival improved throughout the war.

There was a shortage of medical personnel during war time. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry was formed in 1907 as a group of women who were able to administer first aid on the battlefield before soldiers were moved to the casualty clearing station. They also drove ambulances and set up field canteens. VADs (Voluntary Aid Detachments) were established in 1909 by the British Red Cross and St. John Ambulance, providing vital nursing support. Many VAD ladies were from the upper and middle classes. On page 58 of the 88 page softback History Society publication “Swavesey: A Pictorial History” there is a group of WWI soldiers in front of The Old House in Black Horse Lane being cared for by VAD nurses (ask Selwyn for a copy).

April meeting. 46 local residents met to hear Colin Chapman from Gloucestershire speak on The Poor Laws. The Poor Law of 1601 formalised earlier poor relief measures in England. It established a nationwide system of poor relief funded by local parishes through a mandatory "poor rate". This law aimed to address poverty and vagrancy, providing support for the "deserving poor" while also addressing the issue of the "idle poor". By 1600 attitudes to poverty started to soften and the government decided action was necessary, fearing that the growing number of poor people might gang together and start a rebellion, vagabonds and beggars might turn to crime and the poor might spread disease. Justices of the Peace (unpaid local officials) were made responsible for poverty-related issues in their parishes. People were grouped into 3 classes: i) Impotent poor - people unable to work due to age, disability or other infirmity. Limited relief was provided by the community. ii) Able-bodied poor - people who were physically able to work but were often unemployed. The Poor Law provided no relief for these people except employment in the workhouse. iii) Vagabonds - it was thought vagabonds were lazy and idle. The 1572 Vagabonds Act took severe action against vagrants who could be whipped, bored through the ear and put to death if caught begging for a third time. The Poor Law Amendment Act of 1834 fundamentally changed how poverty relief was provided. It abolished "outdoor relief" for able-bodied individuals, meaning they could not receive financial assistance unless they entered a workhouse. The Act also established Poor Law unions, Boards of Guardians, and workhouses, with a new Poor Law Commission overseeing the system. Each Poor Law union had a workhouse where paupers were housed, fed, and expected to work. Relief was only available within workhouses, with harsh regimes designed to discourage reliance on public assistance. The act aimed to compel able-bodied individuals to work by making workhouses the only option for relief. Conditions were tough, often with insufficient food, inadequate heating and families sometimes split throughout the workhouse. The 1834 Act was met with some criticism and some viewed the workhouses as "prisons for the poor".

Next meeting- 17 June Richard Bentley and Over Rectory. Richard Hewlings.

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This is a convenient time to top up our portfolios even if one can't indulge in the desire to visit exotic places; better weather, schools closed, longer evenings mean one can pop off for a long weekend without taking a chance of being snowed in. We are so fortunate that our British Isles has such a wide range of scenery packed into a comparatively small country and surrounded by sea. Many of our winning entries were taken within easy driving distance from home.

We do very little as a club during the Summer, the College is closed. Some of us take advantage of courses run by visiting lecturers, we usually meet up for an Annual Barbecue, but we won't meet formally again until our Welcome Evening on 4th September, a free event to which you are cordially invited.

Our first speaker of the year is an old favourite, the excellent Will Cheung, on 11th September, the following week, don't miss it.

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MISCELLANY

Will Wright Memories

Paddy the Bass player & myself moved down to Surrey towards the backend of September after bringing Mr. Lucifer to a closure. Our new compatriots had arranged for Paddy to reside with keyboard player Joe & his family in their home In Godalming and myself would be resident with guitarist Barry and his parents in their cottage in Dunsfold. This arrangement was only planned as an interim measure as the lads had already had several discussions with their contacts in Switzerland and they were preparing some gigs for us already. I have to say I really enjoyed the rare leisure periods we had in Dunsfold village - a unique country village location. It did have a pub which was in the process of being purchased by one Gary Brooker, non other than the keyboard player of the band Procol Harem ! , and we were allowed to use a rear large room for rehearsal. Interestingly adjoining the village boundary to the south was an old RAF base which had been converted years previously and then housed the Hawker Siddeley works which later became British Aerospace ,having created and developed the Hawker Siddeley vertical fighter jet \ take-off bomber.

Prior to leaving the UK we had put in a serious couple of rehearsal weeks and had managed to put an hour set of music together, which included half a dozen songs we had created ourselves and had kept in touch with the 2 agents that were working with us, who at the same time were putting almost 6 weeks of gigs together in the run up to the beginning of December at which time we were planning on being home in the UK for a couple of pre-arranged gigs in Surrey & if possible a couple of days at home for Christmas.

The Swiss agents had worked with our 3 band-mates on their 2 previous visits with the band's original line-up, and they, along with our 3 compatriots, liked the heavier feel that Paddy & myself had brought to the music. We were interested as to how it was going to go down with the local audiences in central Switzerland which were assumed to be slightly differently musically minded. The central town where we were to be based was known as Biel in German or Bienne in French and all residents spoke both languages with at least half of them also speaking Italian and if you travelled 10 miles in any direction this would alter accordingly. So you could say that we were based in the centre of the Country with easy road access to other major local European Countries making travel by road a doddle - providing you had a proper motor that didn't mind climbing.

The agents had put us up in a local hotel in the centre of town, for some reason I seem to remember it being called " The Blue Cross " what it meant I'm afraid I don't have a clue. Anyway we just got on with it & travelled around the local central part of the Country performing our new show which was including more new songs as we went along. We did have a 2 night appearance in what was a basement cellar club similar to the Cavern in Liverpool, though this was located in Berne the capital of the country some 30 odd miles away from where we temporarily resident, but we had 2 great nights.

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RATS. 15th April 1910
Mr. Thomas Prior's farm at Boxworth End was the scene of a great war on rats on Monday last. Out of a small wheat stack no less than 85 rats, all runners, were caught, and ten nests of young ones, averaging ten in a nest, were destroyed.

ROUGH ON RATS. 7th Oct. 1910
During threshing operations on Mr. James Wells' premises at Church End last week Mr. W. Thurbon's fox terrier killed about 50 rats in an hour and a half. Later in the day the animal disposed of another score from the same stack.

PARISH COUNCIL. 4th July 1919
A letter from the County Council respecting the destruction of rats was read, and the Chairman and Messrs. Burton and Twist were appointed a committee to deal with the matter.

PARISH COUNCIL. 15th Aug. 1919
It transpired that the Rats' Destruction Committee had not yet appointed a collector, but Mr. Twist stated that he had already purchased a dozen tails.

RATS. 26th Sept. 1919
Mr. George Clarke has been appointed rat collector for the parish of Swavesey.

RATS. 24th Oct. 1919
During this week war is being waged on rats throughout the country. This is the week of the national campaign for the extermination, or at any rate the substantial reduction, of hordes of rats. Mr. George Clarke is the official rat collector for the parish of Swavesey, and he will be glad to receive, and pay for, any number of rats' tails.

RAT CAMPAIGN. 31st Oct. 1919
The national campaign against rats was not a striking success in Swavesey. During the week only 15 rats' tails were taken to the official rat collector.

RATS. 12th Dec. 1919
During the month of November 68 rats' tails were received by Mr. George Clarke, the official collector, making a total of 120 tails since Mr. Clarke began to collect in October.

PARISH COUNCIL. 19th Dec. 1919
Mr. Burton was anxious to know how the official collector of rats' tails was to be repaid the money he had paid out of his own pocket to persons from whom he had received the tails. The Clerk explained that he had written last Saturday to the Clerk of the County Council on the subject but had not received any reply; there had not been time, he observed.

RATS. 9th Jan. 1920
170 rats' tails have been received by Mr. George Clarke, the official collector down to the end of last year. He has been collecting about three months.

RATS. 12th March 1920
Owing to the revocation by the Minister of Food of the Rats Order, 1918, payment for rats killed ceased after March 6th. During the time the Order has been in force in Swavesey 277 rat's tails have been received by the official collector, Mr. George Clarke, and have been paid for at the rate 1½d each.

Chris Richardson

Selwyn's Alphanumeric Quiz. Part 4

Back to the verbal numbers quiz because many readers find it more challenging than the pop groups quiz. Example 1: 18 H on a GC. 18 Holes on a Golf Course. Example 2: 23 R C. H of T H. 23 Railway Cuttings. Home of Tony Hancock.

1	24	H in a D		6	13	L in a BD
2	12	M in a Y		7	4	Q in a G
3	29	D in F in a LY		8	1815	B of W
4	26	L in the A		9	3	C in the F
5	100	P in a P		10	1000	W that a P is W

You will find the answers to this puzzle on page 19

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Answers to Selwyn's Alphanumeric Quiz on page14

1	24	H in a D	24 Hours in a Day
2	12	M in a Y	12 Months in a Year
3	29	D in F in a LY	29 Days in February in a Leap Year.
4	26	L in the A	26 Letters in the Alphabet
5	100	P in a P	100 Pence in a Pound
6	13	L in a B D	13 Loaves in a Baker's Dozen
7	4	Q in a G	4 Quarts in a Gallon
8	1815	B of W	1815: Battle of Waterloo
9	3	C in the F	3 Coins in the Fountain
10	1000	W that a P is W	1000: Words that a Picture is Worth

SCHOOLS INFORMATION

1st Swavesey Scout Group

The 1st Swavesey Scout Group continues to provide a vibrant and engaging programme for young people, fostering teamwork, resilience, and a love for the outdoors. From the youngest Beavers to the more experienced Scouts, there's a sense of adventure and camaraderie that defines this thriving group.

Recently, the Cub Pack embarked on an exciting sleepover filled with unexpected fun. Instead of the usual games in the scout hut, the evening kicked off with an energetic session of Squash! The Cubs embraced the fast-paced sport with enthusiasm, showcasing impressive agility and laughter echoing through the courts. As the evening drew in, the Cubs settled down in the familiar surroundings of the scout hut for a movie night, thoroughly enjoying the classic festive film, "Home Alone 2." The next morning, the aroma of frittatas filled the air as the Cubs took charge of breakfast, learning valuable cooking skills and enjoying the fruits (and eggs!) of their labour.

The spirit of adventure extends beyond indoor sleepovers, with all sections of the group regularly exploring the beautiful Cambridgeshire countryside. The Beaver Colony has enjoyed gentle rambles around Fen Drayton, discovering the wonders of nature and learning basic map-reading skills. The Cub Pack has also been busy on the trails, undertaking longer hikes that challenge them physically and encourage teamwork as they navigate routes together.

For the Scout Troop, the hikes take on a more challenging edge. Their recent incident hike put their problem-solving skills to the test. Faced with problems along their route, the Scouts had to work together to assess the situation and make informed decisions, building crucial leadership and resilience.

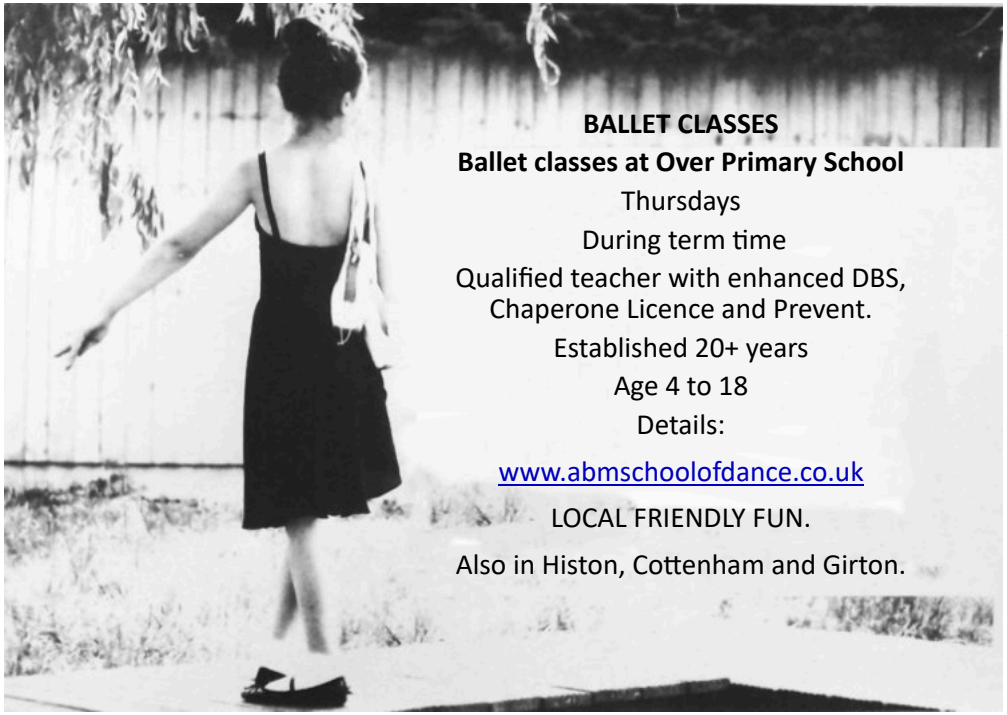
The Easter weekend saw the Scout Troop fully embracing the "back to basics" ethos during a memorable camp. Stripping away modern conveniences, the Scouts immersed themselves in traditional camping skills. They honed their fire-lighting techniques, carefully preparing and cooking all their meals over the open flames. This experience not only taught them practical outdoor skills but also fostered a deeper appreciation for self-sufficiency and the simple pleasures of nature.

Call for Help:

To continue providing these enriching experiences for our young members, we desperately need a new treasurer. If you have financial skills and some time to spare, please consider volunteering for this vital role. Your support will help us keep the group running smoothly and ensure we can continue offering great opportunities for our Scouts.

Scouts meet on a Wednesday evening at 7pm. Cubs meet on Tuesday at 6.15pm. Beavers at 6pm on Thursday. Squirrels meet at 4.15pm on Monday.

Beavers (ages 6-8) john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Cubs (ages 8-10½) steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Scouts (ages 10½ -14) marian.bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk



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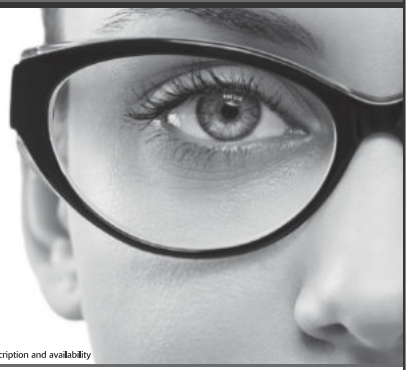

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Emma, Queen's Guide and assistant Rainbow Leader

girlguiding.org.uk/volunteer

email caroline@overroad.co.uk if you would like to know more

Please sign your daughters up early for Rainbows here: girlguiding.org.uk/joinus
Don't wait until she is 5 and her friends have started! We are full with a waiting list.

Swavesey Primary School Early Years and Playwork Centre

Wraparound Care and Early Years Provision - Mon to Fri - term-time

Registration Fee £15 per family for using Breakfast and/or After School Club

Breakfast Club 7.30 am - 8.55 am

3+ year olds to Year 6 children: £6 per child per session

After School Club 3.15 pm to 6.00 pm

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www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk *(Select EY & P)*

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PARISH & COUNTY NEWS

South Cambridgeshire District Council Annual Report 2024-2025 By Councillor Sue Ellington Swavesey Ward

The last year has been interesting as the council seeks to move forward with a new Website which will hopefully be easier to navigate; a business area for start up companies; and preparation for proposed changes in the planning rules to build more houses as well as preparation for weekly food waste collections and the move to a Unitary Authority.

The Four day week experiment has continued with a more positive approach from the new Government. The public has been consulted as well as the workforce and Councillors. I think it is fair to say all the responses were not positive but we are still waiting for a decision on how this will be taken forward.

As reported in the Meridian, Swavesey has benefited from substantial grants over the last year. Solar panels and battery storage scheme in the Memorial Hall, new curtains for the Memorial Hall committee room, a Portacabin storage facility for the allotments; equipment and flooring for the Fenland Squash courts based at the Village College; wilding grants for flower seeds and tools for small plots of rough land; the Sheddit charity and the community Warden scheme have all benefited from a range of differently targeted grants. Let us hope that the new Unitary Authority will continue the grant schemes which enhance development of issues and activities which are important to the village.

South Cambs District Council provides Swavesey with advice and support to prevent flooding which may be caused as a result of local drainage ditches, and has helped with the maintenance of the village ponds. They have undertaken dredging and weed clearance of the village ponds which helps to keep the ponds accessible and they will spray for the clearance of reeds which continue to build up. South Cambs are also offering expert advice with regard to the preparation of new playing and sports facilities off Middle Watch. In addition they work closely with the Byeways Committee to support and administer the Swavesey Byeways Act.

The Government has issued a directive for two tier authorities with a Mayor to develop plans to more to a Unitary Authority. This is said to be cheaper and more efficient. My question is 'but will it actually serve the council tax payer?.' It has not been decided how big a geographical area each new authority will cover. But robust plans have to be submitted by November 2025. The first elections will occur in May 2026 and some of the current councillors will be asked to continue for at least a year to smooth the transition.

This village benefits from the District Council support and assistance in many ways. I will seek to ensure that the new Unitary Authority maintains the same sort of service.

Cllr Sue Ellington - Swavesey Ward

Swavesey Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting was held on Weds evening 16th April in the Memorial Hall. This meeting is a community meeting (not a Parish Council meeting) and is held to discuss parish topics.

15 members of the community attended to hear the annual report from the Parish Council plus receive reports from various community charities and organisations, including the Thomas Galon Charity, Frere Cottages Charity, the Allotment Association, the Memorial Hall, Community Pavilion and others.

The Minutes of the meeting plus all of the reports given can be found on the Swavesey website at www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk Search for Annual Parish Meeting.

SWAVESEY PARISH

Parish Council News March/April 2025

Parish Councillor Vacancy

In March Cllr Sandie Smith stepped down from the Council, after 11 years as a Parish Cllr. Sandie has been involved in many community projects during her time on the Council, in particular in relation to youth facilities and our Community Warden Scheme. We would like to wish Sandie well in her new ventures up in Yorkshire.

The vacancy for a Cllr was advertised during April/May and by the time you read this article, the Council will hopefully have recruited a new Cllr.

County Council Business

The PC continues to discuss highway maintenance with CCC. In the last couple of months the junction area around Middle Watch/Gibraltar Lane was resurfaced and some of the potholes elsewhere have been filled, our thanks to our County Cllr Mandy Smith for her help in progressing this. The PC continues to press for more work, particularly around Whitton Close and the junction with Middle Watch. Market St is another area with potholes and crumbling tarmac which we have reported to CCC.

Traffic Calming projects

- The PC continues to review proposals for speed reduction and 20mph limit proposals. Further discussions are taking place with the project team and it is hoped to hold a final consultation event around June.

- Speedwatch – Training for volunteers has taken place and the team are now ready to start, so watch out for them around the village.

Mobile Phone Signal

Swavesey has for a long time now, had poor mobile phone signal for a number of the different providers. Particularly in the north end of the village. In March the PC met with Cambridgeshire Connections to discuss whether a new transmitter tower could provide improved signal. This is now being investigated and consultation will take place if potential sites are identified.

Guided Busway car park

The PC is trying again with the County Council, to look at resurfacing/re-design of the car park area off Over Rd, to improve the drainage and surfacing.

Parking

The PC continues to receive complaints re parking on double yellow lines around areas of the village. The Civil Protection Enforcement Wardens continue to visit S Cambs villages and the PC requests visits to Swavesey. Please be considerate of where you park and please do not park on double yellow lines, or block access along narrow lanes. Emergency vehicles may need to get through.

COUNCIL NEWS

Drainage

The PC continues to follow the updates from the Environment Agency (EA) regarding funding to repair the Brownshill & St Ives staunches on the river. Updates can be found at:
https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/east-anglia-c-e/st-ives-and-brownshill-staunch-sluices-information/
In February 2025, the EA's bid for Capital Reconditioning funding was approved, however it could be up to two years until work can start. We continue to press for more urgent action.

Village Maintenance & Projects

Biodiversity/Climate Change. Projects will continue through this year to provide flowers and bulbs in more locations around the village, with new projects being discussed. Please see the information on the Swavesey-pc.gov.uk website for more details.

Many thanks to the 40 or so residents who came out on a slightly foggy Sunday morning at the end of March for the Swavesey Great British Spring Clean Litterpick. We have a wonderful group of litterpickers in the village who are regularly clearing bags of litter to keep the village clean. Thank you so much to all of you.

Bus shelter in Boxworth End, this has now been installed.

The PC is starting to investigate the project to provide a new community sports facility at the field at the end of Burgess Close. This was gifted to the Parish as part of housing development projects a few years ago. Initial discussions regarding cost, planning and design are starting and more information will follow during this year on how this project can be progressed.

City Fibre have been working in Cambridgeshire to lay new Full Fibre Broadband cabling. It was noted that the work in the verge along Over Rd took place when the daffodils were in full flower and many were dug up. Having contacted the company we will be provided with new bulbs for planting this autumn. A new junction box is also to be provided on the front of the Recreation Green where two existing ones also are.

Damage has been caused to the wet pour surface in the play area on Moat Way, this will be repaired as soon as possible, along with other minor repairs needed in both play areas.

A bench on Market St Green was damaged a couple of months ago and a new side section has been purchased. The bench will be repaired and put back on the Green shortly.

Further details on everything that is discussed at Parish Council meetings can be found in the Minutes or on the pages of the Council's website at:
www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk

The George Long Charity
For Swavesey Memorial Hall 2024-2025

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It has been another busy year for the hall, we have finally achieved our Solar Panels/ LED Main Hall lights Project which has taken a good three years to achieve after numerous grant applications. We would like to thank the Rural Prosperity Fund for their support after successfully crossing the line. Over the next year we will be watching how the new installations improve our sustainability in the Hall.

Along with the Solar Panels, we have also been lucky in grant funding for new Meeting Room curtains and a wheelchair friendly path in the Car Park.

Bookings at the Hall are in abundance with many diverse groups using the hall on a weekly basis and some are daily visitors

We welcome young and old to use our community hall and it's always a popular option for children's parties, exercise classes, craft and sewing groups. We have a good-sized Meeting Room which is used for workshops, training and of course many meetings.

As we move forward in 2025, we are looking for a minimum of 3 new trustees to join the committee, please contact the Hall Administrator for further information.

We always have lots of new ideas and projects we love to investigate and a couple which are currently being discussed are LED lights around the outside of the Hall and to replace the Fascia boards. Watch this Space!

On behalf of the Trustees, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who uses the Hall and look forward to new people visiting and using the facilities we have to offer.

Martin Johnston
Chairperson
The George Long Charity
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Memorial Hall Administrator: Nicole Mullee	07963 861791	memorialhall@swavesey.org.uk

Swavesey Parish Council meets on the 2nd Thursday of each month for Planning items and on the 4th Monday of each month for Full Council.

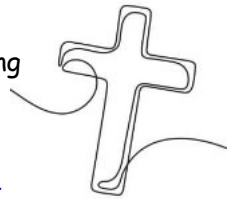
All meetings are held in the Memorial Hall at 7.30pm. There is always a 10 minute public forum at the start of the meeting.

Bus Pass Update to Rules

I am contacting you to let you know that the rules have changed for how you can use your bus pass when travelling in the local area. As well as your existing benefits, you may now use it to travel before 9:30 a.m. on journeys that start within the Cambridgeshire & Peterborough area even if the bus crosses into another county. This is a local concession so you cannot travel before 9:30 a.m. on journeys that start outside of the area where the usual scheme rules still apply.

St Andrew's Church

Services at St Andrew's
Please join us for worship at 11am on any Sunday morning. At 8pm on the first Thursday of every month, we have fifteen minutes of silence and prayer followed by Compline remembering the people of Ukraine and other countries affected by war.



You can find information about all our services and events on Facebook and online at A Church near You: https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/2834/service-and-events/events-all/

Ministry Team:
We are delighted to welcome our new Team Rector, The **Rev'd Stephen Dove** who joins us from The Northstowe Church Network Mission Initiative where he has been working as a curate. *stephen.dove@northstowe.church*

Canon Jan Payne (Licensed Lay Minister): jan.payne@northstowe.church

Colin Smith (Benefice Administrator): 01954 203459
admin@5folds.org.uk
(Colin works Tuesday to Friday 9.30 am to noon)

Churchwardens Jacqui Fuller: 01954 230774 or Bridget Lofts: 01954 231068

Diddy Disciples Sunday School
This is our new Sunday School for younger children. We sing songs, draw and make things and most of all, learn about Jesus. We meet every Sunday at the back of church. Do join us.

Emmaus House Group
We are a small group of people who meet every other Wednesday morning on Zoom to learn more about God through studying the Bible. We choose our own subjects and ask lots of questions but don't always find the answers! More details from Nicky Carne: nicky_carne@hotmail.com or the churchwardens.

St Andrew's Church

Craft Group
Our group meets every other Wednesday to work together on group activities; did you see our Easter decorations on the carpark cross? You can bring your own craft activity to work on or just come to enjoy the company over a hot drink and cake.

Details from Jacqui Fuller: jacqui_fuller@hotmail.com

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

Meet us at Swavesey's Community Café - Compass Café every third Thursday of the month, 10:30am – 12 noon. Enjoy our wonderful cakes and coffee.

Events at St Andrew's
Thank you for your support at all of our events so far this year; we hope that you have enjoyed them.

Next Event: Teddy Bear's Zip Wire
Saturday, July 5th from 2pm to 4pm.
It's that time of year again when your favourite cuddly toy can prove their courage by riding the zipwire from the top of the tower to the churchyard. As always, safety and health checks will be provided and all participants will receive a certificate.

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Thursdays 10:30am-12:00pm

Compass Café "Encompasses the community"

You will receive a very warm welcome at our community run cafe. Enjoy reasonably priced coffee, tea and homemade cakes.

LITTLE LIGHTS - Fridays 10am-12pm

Baby & toddler group. All are welcome, bumps, babies, toddlers, parents and carers. Drop in at anytime for as long as you need. Only £2 per family, including drinks & snacks for all! We hope you can come along and join us!

The Hub - Youth Group - Fridays 7-9pm

THE HUB

Open to all year 6 and secondary aged children. Come along and meet up with friends, chat, play games, listen to music and much more! Snack bar also available. £1 entry fee. Parents must complete a permission form.

Sunday Services - Sundays 10:45am

You are warmly invited to join us for our weekly services followed by coffee in our compass room. Our services are open to all and are family friendly with children's Sunday School groups for all ages! Every first Sunday of the month is our alternative all age, café-style service which include refreshments around tables, conversation and maybe even some crafts! We have a special Communion service once a month on the 3rd Sunday. At Bethel we are brought together by our Faith, but what truly makes us family is our passion to serve God and love one another through every season.

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Alpha

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Save the date – Starting 7th October 2025. Details to follow nearer the time!

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Musings From Pastor Bob

Of all life's mysteries, we would be hard pushed to find any greater than death, let alone life! After all, there's a reason it's called the great unknown.

However, it is perfectly natural to wonder what comes next after this journey on earth. I don't suppose it's necessarily a question many will want to ponder, but nonetheless it is there.

In the world of Tik Tok influencers it has been suggested that it is possible that we never really die, referencing 'quantum immortality theory' and physicist Hugh Everett's many-worlds interpretation.

The suggestion is that it is possible that our consciousness never experiences death.

Instead, whenever you die in one universe your consciousness just gets transferred into a parallel universe where you survive. If this is so then what are we worried about? If/when the inevitable happens we shall wake up in a new reality

I really enjoy philosophical debate because one has to think hard, be honest when reasoning and face the difficult questions of life and death that we mortals face every day. I suppose that is why I do the job that I do, because I am constantly challenged to face life warts and all and have the confidence to admit I don't have all the answers but I do have one that works for me.

The kettle is on, pop in sometime and lets reason together.

Pastor Bob
Bethel Baptist Church

Community Groups & Charities

Swavesey Sustainability Hub	The Sustainability Hub is a community group that offers space and support for people to realise their ideas for a more sustainable way of life. Contact: rvollerthun@gmail.com Website: www.thesustainabilityhub.biz
Sheddit!	Sheddit! is the community shed for Swavesey and surrounding areas. The group works on a range of projects and welcome new members who enjoy making things from wood and metal. Contact: Phil Cohen 07957 422292 Website: https://shareborrowconnect.org/
Cam Sight	Cam Sight is a local charity which offers support to anyone with a visual impairment, along with their family and carers. We meet on the 4th Wednesday afternoon of each month in Bar Hill. For more information please telephone Joan in Bar Hill on 01954 200622 or Alison at Cam Sight on 01223 420033 or email alison@camsight.org.uk. For more info see:- www.camsight.org.uk
Cambridgeshire Hearing Help	CHH is a charity that helps people with hearing loss. Volunteers service NHS hearing aids and provide batteries and they attend Swavesey quarterly at Thistle Green. Advice on any aspects of hearing loss is available at a hearing help session or by calling the office on 01223 416141, E-mail: enquiries@cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk Website: cambridgeshirehearinghelp.org.uk
Care Network	Care Network supports volunteers, encourages independence and develops good neighbour projects. We provide the Welcome Home from Hospital service across Cambridgeshire. Contact:- Care Network, 5 Broadway House, 149-151 St Neots Rd, Hardwick, Cambridge, CB23 7QJ (tel: 01954 211919). Website: care-network.org.uk/
Compass Cafe	Meets every Thursday morning from 10.30 until 12.00 at Bethel Baptist Church. Contact Sue Ellington on 01954 202923 or sue.ellington@virgin.net
Dog Lovers of Swavesey	Dog Lovers of Swavesey is a friendly group where anyone with a love for dogs is welcome with or without dog. Meetings are on the Recreation Green organised through the Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/dogloversofswavesey where we also exchange tips, ask for advice or have a laugh. Resources are gathered at https://dogloversofswavesey.co.uk/. Contact: Matt at matthewyoung1@btinternet.com or Anita at anita.faul@outlook.com" Tel 01954 232791
Swavesey Library	A volunteer run community library based in Swavesey Village College. We are able to providing a full range of library facilities being directly linked to the Cambridgeshire County Council library service. For more info see:- https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/swavesey-your-library/
East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH)	Put your free time to good use and volunteer at East Anglia's Children's Hospice (EACH) in Milton. Volunteering at a children's hospice doesn't always mean care work and fundraising as there are also tasks such as admin and maintenance of the grounds. Contact:- Clare Bates on 01223 815134, Email: clare.bates@each.org.uk
OWLS Community Car Scheme	Run by DBS checked volunteers the scheme offers a door-to-door service, for medical or some social journeys, to people who are unable to access other forms of transport. Ring 07505 254363 to book a journey, find out more, or to volunteer as a driver Website: https://www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk/community/owls-community-car-scheme/

CLUB INFORMATION

Army Cadets UK	Swavesey Detachment, No 2 (Cromwell) Company, Cambridgeshire Army Cadet Force meets each Tuesday evening at the Swavesey Village College from 7 pm. New recruits are welcomed from ages 12 years (year 8) to 18 years. www.armycadets.com/county/cambridgeshire-acf/
Swavesey Five-a-Side Football Club	Currently seeking new members for this long-established club. We play each Wednesday evening from 6:30 to 7:30pm in the new sports hall at Swavesey Village College. Enquiries to Stewart Smith (07803 050234).
Swavesey Girlguiding	<table><tr><th>Unit</th><th>Evening</th><th>Contact</th></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rainbows</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>caroline@overroad.co.uk</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Mondays</td><td>swaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>2nd Swavesey Brownies</td><td>Wednesdays</td><td>secondswaveseybrownies@outlook.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Guides</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyguides@gmail.com</td></tr><tr><td>1st Swavesey Rangers</td><td>Thursdays</td><td>swaveseyrangers@gmail.com</td></tr></table>
Swavesey Spartans	Swavesey Spartans (swaveseyspartans.co.uk) is a Chartered Standard Football Club affiliated to Cambridgeshire Football Association. The club delivers football for children aged 6 and above. The club helps with the transition to open age football. Colts football ceases at the end of a player's Under 18 season. Open age football for men in Swavesey is available through Swavesey Institute FC (separate entry in this section of the Meridian). Swavesey Spartans FC have an open age football team for ladies playing league games on a Sunday. For more information about Spartans please contact Paul Clarke (swavesey.chairperson@gmail.com) or Mrs Paula Land (swavesey.secretary@gmail.com
1st Swavesey Scout Group	All sections meet at the Scout Hut on the SVC site **Beavers** Day: Thursday 18:00 to 19:00 Contact: John Pawson - Beaver Leader john.pawson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Cubs** Day: Tuesday 18:15 to 19:30 Contact: Steven Wilson - Cub Leader steven.wilson@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk **Scouts** Day: Wednesday 19:00 to 20:30 Contact : Marian Bentley - Scout Leader Marian.Bentley@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk For any other enquiries please email info@1stswaveseyscoutgroup.org.uk
Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre	Swavesey Early Years and Playwork Centre are based in their own purpose-built unit on the primary school site. It comprises Early Years children (aged from 2 years and 6 Months) between 9am and 3pm (formerly Swavesey Pre School) and we provide activities and care for primary school aged children before and after school. Breakfast Club runs from 7.30 am to 9am and After School Club from 3.15pm to 6pm. For information please contact Carol Panther (Early Years and Playwork Manager) by email: eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk or by phone (01954) 273312 Ext 2 or 07803 812221.
Swavesey Community Choir	If you enjoy singing and having fun then come and join Swavesey Community Choir. We meet every Wednesday in term time in Fen Drayton Village Hall, Cootes Lane, Fen Drayton from 7.45pm - 9.30pm. You don't need to be able to read music and no auditions needed, tenor and bass voices particularly welcome. For further details contact Julie Holmes julieholmes78@gmail.com Website: www.swaveseycommunitychoir.co.uk

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Swavesey Music School	Meets every Saturday of term time at Swavesey Village College. For further details see: www.swaveseymusic.co.uk/
Swavesey District Bridleway Association	A liaison group representing local horse riders whose main aim is to protect existing and create safe new horse riding links between all local villages. New members welcome. Regular Newsletter/ Social events calendar. Please contact Sue Rogers (01954) 232758
Swavesey & District History Society	Meet every third Tuesday in the month, 7.30pm, Carole Shaw room, SVC. Contact Carolyn Redmayne, Secretary (01954) 230037
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Swavesey W.I.	We meet every second Monday of the month at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall. New members are always welcome to enjoy a variety of invited speakers and have a chat and cup of tea/coffee afterwards. For further information contact Margaret Guest tel (01954) 202757
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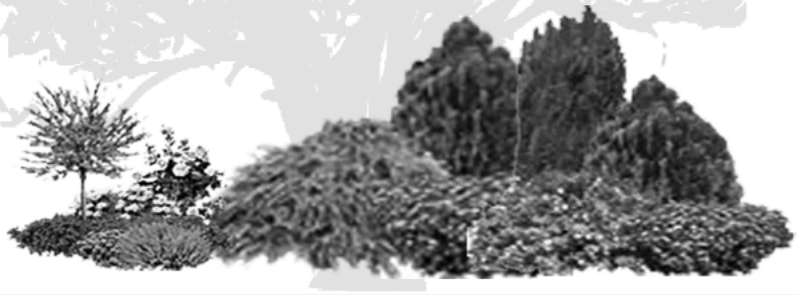

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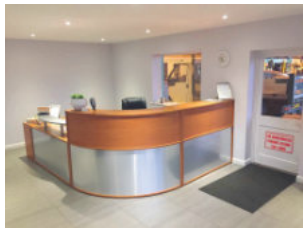

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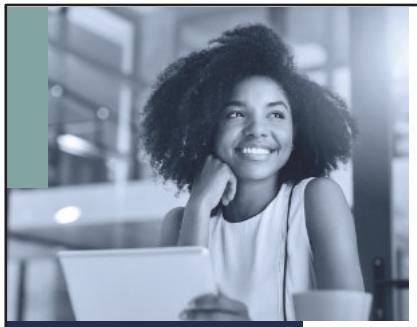

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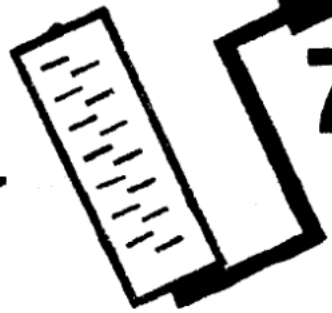

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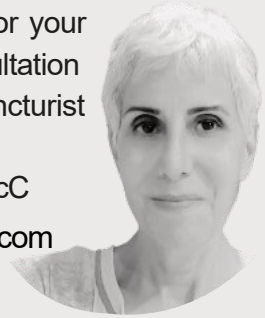

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Police:		www.cambs.police.uk
Emergency	999	
All Non Emergency Calls	101	
Swavesey Parish Council	01954 202982	www.swavesey-pc.gov.uk
Swavesey Pre-school Enquires	01954 273312 Ext 2	eyandp@swavesey.cambs.sch.uk
Swavesey Primary School	01954 273312	www.swavesey.cambs.sch.uk/
Swavesey Village College:	01954 230366	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk
Community Office	01954 234488	www.swaveseyvc.co.uk/community-education/
Swavesey Post Office	01954 232311	
Cambridgeshire County Council:		www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk
General Enquiries	0345 045 5200	
Library Service	0345 045 5225	www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/libraries-leisure-culture/libraries
South Cambs District Council	01954 713000	www.scambs.gov.uk
Electricity (UK Power Networks):		
Emergency & Power Cut Report Line	0800 783 8838	www.ukpowernetworks.co.uk
Gas Emergencies (National Grid)	0800 111999	https://www.nationalgrid.com/gas-transmission/safety-and-emergencies/emergencies-and-safety-advice
Water (Cambridge Water Company) Leak:	0800 316 7676	www.cambridge-water.co.uk
Sewage (Anglia Water) Emergency	03457 145 145	www.anglianwater.co.uk
Environment Agency (Flood Line):	0800 807060	www.environment-agency.gov.uk
Samaritans	116 123	www.samaritans.org
Addenbrooke's Hospital:	01223 245151	www.addenbrookes.org.uk
Hinchingbrooke Hospital	01480 416416	www.hinchingbrooke.nhs.uk
NHS Direct	111	111.nhs.uk
Airports + Road & Rail:		
Local Taxi: Alpha Cars	01954 232300	www.alphacarsonline.co.uk
Gatwick	0844 892 0322	www.gatwickairport.com
Heathrow	0844 335 1801	www.heathrow.com
Luton	01582 405100	www.london-luton.co.uk
Stansted	0808 169 7031	www.stanstedairport.com
Traveline (Bus Coach & Rail)	0871 200 22 33	www.traveline.info
Local Timetables:		
Cambridgeshire Bus Information		www.cambridgeshirebus.info
Stagecoach	01223 433250 0345 241 8000	www.stagecoachbus.com
National Express Coaches	03717 81 81 81	www.nationalexpress.com
Whippet Coaches	01954 230011	www.go-whippet.co.uk
National Rail	03457 48 49 50	www.nationalrail.co.uk
Veterinary Practices:		
Village Vet (Longstanton)	01954 780027	www.villagevet.co.uk
Ash Croft (Hardwick)	01954 210250	www.ashcroftvet.co.uk

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